

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 are independent. Claims 1-2, 5-8, and 10 are amended. Claims 4 and 9 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. No new matter has been added.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A)

On pages 2-8, the Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,757 to Cason (hereinafter "Cason"), Published U.S. Patent Application 2004/0054528 to Hoya (hereinafter "Hoya"), and U.S. Patent No. 7,072,831 to Etter (hereinafter "Etter"). On pages 8-9, the Office Action rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over the combination of Cason, Hoya, Etter, and the Bellanger article (hereinafter "Bellanger"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons listed below

Page 10 of the Office Action indicates that claims 4 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant hereby incorporates the subject matter of claim 4 into independent claim 1 and incorporates the subject matter of claim 9 into independent claim 8. Claims 4 and 9 are hereby canceled. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 8 are now allowable as they include the subject matter of claims 4 and 9.

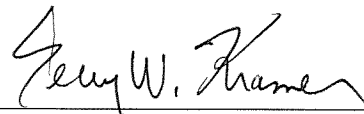
Claims 2-3 and 5-7 depend from independent claim 1. Claim 10 depends from independent claim 8. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-3, 5-7, and 10 are allowable at least on the basis of their respective dependencies upon allowable independent claims. Claims 4 and 9 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections/objections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Aaron Waxler, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-5256.

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